

Boston, April 24. 1855.

Dear Mr. Webb -

A young antislavery friend,
the pastor of a Unitarian Church in
Worcester county in this State, the
Rev. Mr. Hapsall, - an Englishman by
birth, - sails from here tomorrow in the
Steamship for Liverpool for a short visit
to his native country; I have given
him, at his request, letters of introduction
to a few of our friends in England;
and I send by him a few tracts to you
& others.

I wish also to acknowledge the
receipt of two recent letters from you -
the first was forwarded to me from New
York by Mr. Gay; and the other came
by a Steamship, & was received yesterday.
The former contained your account; it
is without date to designate it; but I call
it the account of April 17, 1855 - that being the day
on which I received it. I have paid the
sum due to the Liberator & Standard. [\$78.06]

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by getting an advance, to that amount
of F. Jackson, Treasr. of Amⁿ. A. S. Society,
on account of the Bazaar. — I credit
you, on my account, with \$18., received
for 3^d vol. of the "Advocate" (Mr. Honey having
paid me for two years - i.e. Vols. 2. & 3.); I also
credit you 1/4, or 24 cents, for a shilling's worth
of stamps.

On the other hand, I have paid, on
your account, — in addition to the payments
for the Lib. & Standard above referred to —
as follows:

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| W. C. Nell, for 2 portraits for R. D. Webb — | 2.00 ✓ |
| 3 copies "Una", for Maria Waring, Wm. Oloham & Mary F. Gough } | 3.75 ✓ |
| F. Jackson, Mrs. Lupton's subscription to Tract Fund } | 2.04 ✓ |
| R. F. Wallcut, for Wm. Shortt's Liberator for 1852, & '53 — which you say you have received, & shall include in your next account . . . } | 4.80 ✓ |

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Showing a balance, in my hands, of \$ 5.65 to your credit.

✓ Mr. Lupton^{of Leeds} was to send you \$3.60, for 3 portraits,
which went by the box, in the "Star of Empire", which

appears to have been having a longer passage than usual. I trust soon to hear of her safe arrival.

— Mr. Jane Wigham of Edinburgh, also, was to send to me, either thro' you, or otherwise, the sum of \$3.70, for sundry books sent to her from this office. —

[I will, by & by, send you a more regular account than these memoranda of mine furnish.]

✓ There is a slight discrepancy, in regard to the 3 Uncas; in your acct (rec^d. April 17./, you say you had rec^d. 15½ for the 3 copies, i.e. \$3.64. But your memorandums, dated March 2, 1855, (and which I return herewith for you to see) says that they are to cost \$3.75; and that sum (viz, \$1.25 each) I had paid for them, & so charged in my accounts with you. I enclose also the publisher's receipt.

✓ I have requested & authorized Mr. Gay to send the "Standard" to Jas. Haughton without charge. I hope this will be acceptable to Mr. H. Please give my sincere respects & regards to him.

The payment of £1. for Wm. Shortt, for the 2 yrs. '52..and '53. is entirely satisfactory; the previous payment, a year since, of 12/6 [\$3.] did not however cover the year 1854 (as you say you have reckoned it), but was entered by Mr. Wallcut as paying from April

1850 to Jan. 1. 1852 - about a year & 8 months, for which time he was owing. - Under the circumstances, of his illness, &c., Mr. Wallcut says, however, he will consider the account settled & squared up to 1 Jan. 1852 and has so entered it in his books.

Please keep these business-memoranda of mine where you can refer to them. These little points are apt to slip out of the mind. I have explained to you, 2 or 3 times, with some minuteness, about Mr. Cotterell's subscription (of Bath), and yet in both your last letters you inquired about it again. - My last to you (or perhaps last but one) went fully into the matter, so I forbear to say more than that Miss Estlin is right, in saying that Mr. C. had paid her his Lib. Subscripⁿ. for 1854. He had not paid it before; although I, thro' a misapprehension of ^{2^d} your letter, had supposed it paid ^{to you} and accordingly had, myself, paid it to R. F. Wallcut, who therefore gave Mr. Cotterell credit to 1 Jan. '55, tho' he had actually paid to 1 Jan. '54. only. ^{Mr. C.'s} His present payment of \$3. ^{to replace what I advanced for him} belongs to me, and his acct stands paid up to Jan. 1 '55, and no farther. -

Mr. Wallcut says it was an error in the list he sent you, to note Miss Lupton as having paid to Jan. 1. '55. It sh^d. have been Jan. 1. '54; and the 2 payments entered in your last account (one of 12/3 & one of 12/6) carry her account 2 years farther, i.e. to Jan. 1. 1856.

Mr. Wallcut w^d. be glad, if convenient to you, if you would send him a copy of the list he sent you. As it is a sort of chart, to steer by, he thinks it would be well for him to have a copy at hand, for speedy & easy reference.

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Your circular, for the Liberator, is a good idea, and the Libr. is much obliged to you for your kind & unwearying pains in its behalf. The circular has evidently done a good work.

I have, ^{as you asked me} requested S. H. Gay to send you a list of foreign subscribers to "Standard", similar to that sent you by Mr. Wallcut, of Liberator. I hope he will give early attention to it.

There are but 2 subscribers to the Liberator in Newcastle; viz,

John Mawson - paid (thru' Rdr. Smith, London) to 1 Jan. 1856.

John Hindhaugh - " to Jan. 1. 1853.

(To say Mr. Wallcut's book.)

[Much in your note - last rec'd - (dated April 6) I cannot decipher - neither can Wallcut - it being written on very thin paper, and apparently in some waste, & blotting through.]

Mr. Samuel Barlow's [or Barker's] paper, sent to Akron, Ohio, was ^{ordered} stopped about a year since, there being then \$2. due on it, and still due. —

About a month since Mr. Gay wrote to Mr. Wallcut (here) asking him how W. P. Powell's acct with Libr. stood. He wrote ^{in reply} to ~~him~~, I have heard nothing from Mr. Gay since. Mr. P. subscribed for the Libr. in Novr. 1851, paying ~~years' subscription~~ \$2., which Mr. Wallcut is willing to call square to Jan. 1st. 1853, & so marks it on his book.

I do not think it necessary for you to notify me of payments received by you, immediately.

I should not enter them in my books, until there came a regular account. Is not your previous plan, of sending one in six months, better?

Mr. Wallcut did receive the \$5.
forwarded to him by J. R. Neill of Belfast;
and credits Mr. Neill to April 1856.

So much for business. - I am sorry to find, from your note, that you have had some domestic affliction, - of which you speak in connexion with Pillsbury's expected visit. - I am sorry, too, to hear of Mr. Estlin's declining strength. - I shall be glad to hear from you how you like the American A. S. Society's appointment of P. Pillsbury as its Agent in Gt. Britain. - I hope his health will continue to recruit, and that he may be able to do a good work for us this summer. - And I hope his lectures, &c. will make the "Advocate" more widely known & better supported.

I sent you, by last steamship, a very few lines, reporting the entire downfall of the U. S. prosecutions against Wendell Phillips, Theodore Parker, F. W. Higginson, &c. &c. I hoped

it would reach you in season for the May
"Advocate". - ^{quashing & defeat of the indictments}
^{This} is a very great triumph over
the Government & the Slave Power; - a
triumph that will tell powerfully in behalf
of the cause of freedom. The regenerated public
Sentiment of New England - far enough ^{yet} from
being what it should be ~~yet~~ - is the power which
has gained this victory. And what has
regenerated the public ~~man~~ heart & conscience
of New England? Politics? Not in the least.
The political manœuvres of the various
parties have disgusted people immeasurably,
and have made tens of thousands believe that
anti-slavery ^{was} ~~now~~ only a convenient stalking-
horse for riding into power. Have the New
England pulpits brought about this change? They
dare not have the face to claim it. Only here
and there a proscribed and ^{comparatively} isolated pulpit has
dared to speak out - very rarely to thunder -
God's ~~truth~~ in relation to the plundered and oppressed
millions in the land. - In spite of selfish politicians,
in spite of a venal press, - in spite of pulpits
and powerful religious denominations in full
league and fellowship with slaveholders - the
conscience of New England has been mightily

aroused - the public heart has been touched -
and the general sympathy has been responsive to
the sincere, earnest appeals of men & women of
every hue & phase of opinion, who were seen & known
to be sincerely ~~struggling~~ ^{contending} for Freedom & Right. More
such victories are in store - victories which cause ~~the~~ ^{the}
enemies & opponents of Freedom to do her bidding, &
~~subserve~~ aid in dragging onward her triumphal Car.

Witness ^{a palpable} ~~another~~ consequence of these Govern-
ment prosecutions of against Phillips and Parker,
- for exercising their right of free speech in Faneuil Hall
- ⁱⁿ ~~on~~ the ^{continual} ~~unceasing~~ applications made to them,
from all parts of the Free States, to lecture, ~~at~~ ^{before}
before Lyceums, Literary Societies, &c; - applications
far more numerous than they can possibly comply
with. - It ^{was publicly announced, a week since,} ~~is said~~ that Mr. Phillips had had,
within a few weeks, invitations to address literary
Societies at ^{ten} ~~ten~~ different Colleges & Universities,
at their ~~annual~~ ^{several} literary anniversaries to be
held during the coming summer. ^{Previous to last} ~~Last~~ summer,
~~he~~ he had never (I believe) received ^{a single} ~~an~~ invitation
of the kind; ~~as~~ last summer one or two of the ~~small~~
colleges invited him. - These are important facts
as ~~showing~~ ^{indicating} the direction in which the public
sentiment & opinion are setting, & the progress they have
already made. There are many other indications of a
like favourable sort. -

With sincere esteem. Yrs. ever Saml. May

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